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PROCEEDINGS.

Cincinnati, October 18, 1864.

The American Christian Missionary Society met in annual session at the meeting-house of the Christian Church, on Sixth street, on Tuesday, October 18, 1864, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Isaac Errett, the first Vice President, took the chair. The meeting was opened by the reading of the Scriptures, singing and prayer. The members of the Convention were then (and at subsequent meetings) enrolled as follows:

Ohio.—R. R. Sloan, R. Moffett, A. S. Hayden, J. H. Lockwood, J. O. Beardslee, F. M. Green, J. W. Lanphear, W. D. Moore, J. F. Rowe, Mrs. E. M. Rowe, P. Galley, T. D. Garvin, Mrs. K. C. Garvin, J. H. Garvin, Miss Clara Dodd, T. M. Allen, A. D. Fillmore, C. D. Hurlbutt, J. M. Henry, Mrs. Ann Hermon, Mrs. Kate Babbett, E. H. Hawley, Mrs. Orpha Cassad, John J. Palmer, Mrs. Sarah Underwood, Miss Dora Cassad, James Leslie, Mrs. Rachel S. Palmer, Jas. P. Kemp, Mrs. Jane Kemp, Mrs. Charlotte Collins, J. Wickard, Caroline Strickle, Mrs. M. M. Voice, R. M. Bishop, John Cyrenius, C. H. Gould, Mrs. M. R. Lemert, J. F. Mills, Sarah Lefferson, Mrs. A. D. Rogers, Eleanor Poland, Mrs. R. C. Hubbell, Anne E. Pool, Mary B. Scott, Lucy B. Cunningham, Ann Cooney, Anna Jordan, Jane Galbreath, Samuel Galbreath, Sarah Brown, Eliza A. Bickham, Mary M. Mathews, Mrs. Ann Hermon, Jane Hunter, Eliza J. Scott, Susan Brokaw, A. L. Martin, Elizabeth Martin, Caroline Martin, E. C. Ellis, John Bryte, W. S. Dickinson, Thos. H. Moore, Jas. Magill, Wm. Baxter, Dr. E. Williams, Geo. W. Trowbridge, O. M. Talbott, Thos. A. Conway, Geo. W. Bishop, A. B. Green, B. W. Wasson, Jacob Burnet, Dr. G. S. Goodhart, W. H. Martin, Sarah J. Martin, Jared Lemar, Miss A. A. Boswell, V. C. Smith, J. W. Rubble, G. W. Martin, Jonathan Davis, Isaac Davis, Mrs. Jas. Magill, Eliza Turner, Sallie Polly, Josephine B. Gould, Mary A. Bratt, Jennie Bratt, Mrs. Mary Purcell, Miss Mary Tice, Mrs. Jeannette Knight, Iris Palmer, Mary Wilson, Henry Pearce, Mrs. Eunice Bosworth.

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KENTUCKY.—Robert Milligan, Aylett Raines, G. W. Elly, John G. Allen, Delegates from Ken. St. Society, Thomas Munnell, Cor. Sec. Ken. C. M. Society, J. B. Bowman, Mrs. J. B. Bowman, Belle Milligan, Dr. L. L. Pinkerton, H. H. White, John Rogers, R. R. Hunt, W. H. Raines, Jno. Aug. Williams, R. McMichael, Joseph Wasson, Nannie Adams, Jno. Shackelford, W. C. Holton, E. Y. Pinkerton, Mrs. E. Y. Pinkerton, Wm. Van Pelt, Jr., Deborah M. Van Pelt, R. C. Ricketts, Mrs. Wm. Lape, Wm. B. Mooklar, C. A. Baker, G. Fisher, Enos Campbell, B. S. Campbell, J. M. Long, D. P. Henderson, Mrs. Clara Ficklin, Mrs. Annie Shackelford, Mrs. Elizabeth Shackelford, Miss Mollie Ficklin, Miss Nellie Corwin, A. E. Davis, Mrs. Lucy A. Bishop, Mrs. Margaret Boyd, Miss Liccie Corbin, Dr. Shackelford, Wm. H. Lape, M. C. Ramsey, Mrs. M. C. Ramsey, Edward Allen, Mrs. E. Allen, Dr. Joseph Smith, Ben B. Groom. John R. Hulett, Joseph P. Torbett, Wm. Tibbs, Geo. Mullins, P. B. Wiles.

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MICHIGAN.—Isaac Errett, W. B. Hendryx, Gilbert Powlinson, Melvina Powlinson, O. Spencer, R. Hawley, Mrs. R. Hawley, Miss Gillie A. Coons.

MISSOURI.—John Burns, St. Louis.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Alexander Campbell, Mrs. S. A. Campbell, Mrs. Ann Campbell.

NEW YORK.—James Carr, W. T. Horner.

During the enrollment, funds, brought by delegates for the Society, were paid to the Recording Secretary; after which, on motion of Brother R. R. Sloan, the chairman appointed the following Committees:

On Order of Business.

R. R. SLOAN, THOMAS MUNNELL, O. A. BURGESS.

On Nominations.

C. H. GOULD, T. M. ALLEN, W. C. HOLTON.

On Railroad Passes.

W. H. LAPE, E. H. HAWLEY, ALANSON WILCOX.

The chair called for short voluntary speeches, while the Committee on Order of Business were preparing their report. Brother J. O. Beardslee, lately our devoted Missionary to the Island of Jamaica, and Elder D. P. Henderson, of Louisville, addressed the audience in earnest and eloquent words.

The venerable Elijah Martindale, of Indiana, as erect and fresh as if in the prime of life, then stood on the platform and spoke to the Convention with great dignity, beauty and serenity, of thought, person and speech, and was appropriately followed by animated remarks from Elders John Rogers and G. W. Elly.

The Committee on the Order of Business now made partial report, as follows:

Tuesday evening—Social worship from 6½ to 7½ o'clock, after which the regular address by the President, or in his absence by H. T. Anderson.

Wednesday morning, Oct. 19th—Social worship from 8 to 9 o'clock.

At 9 o'clock—1. Approval of Minutes and continued enrollment.
2. Communications from other Societies.
3. Report of the Board of Managers.
4. Report of the Treasurer.
5. Report of the Recording Secretary.
6. Report of the Auditor.
7. Miscellaneous business.

Afternoon.

1. Enrollment continued.
2. Unfinished business.
3. Report of Committees of the State Societies and the Committee of Conference appointed by the Board.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Miscellaneous business.
6. At all intervals during the day, short voluntary addresses.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet at the appointed hour this evening.

Evening Session. The audience assembled according to adjournment, and spent an hour in prayer and singing, under the superintendence of Brother A. S. Hayden; after which, the President of the Society not having arrived, Brother H. T. Anderson, of Kentucky, who had been selected as one of the regular speakers, delivered a peculiarly appropriate and spirited speech, on the "Going forth of the great Missionaries."

The meeting then adjourned, to assemble to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, *October 19th.*—The Convention met at 7½ o'clock, and spent an hour in social worship, Brother John Shackelford presiding. At 9 o'clock, the business of the Convention was resumed. The Minutes of the yesterday's meeting were read and approved.

Some time was then spent in the continued enrollment of members and delegates, and the reception of funds.

The call for the reports of the State Missionary Societies was then made, when Brother R. Moffett, read the report of the Ohio State Missionary Society, as follows:

REPORT OF THE OHIO STATE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

To the American Christian Missionary Society:

The undersigned Committee, appointed at the last meeting of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society, to bear Christian salutations from that body to yours, would respectfully report as follows:

The Ohio Christian Missionary Society has no reason to be dis-

couraged. There has been an increased energy in the missionary operations of the Society. At our last meeting a plan was adopted, looking to the education of young men for the ministry. The report of the Board exhibits a large increase of funds, labor and results. There are now 22 districts organized in Ohio. There have been 73 evangelists employed more or less of their time, rendering 2866 days' service; preaching 3558 sermons, baptizing 979, receiving 274 other accessions, and supplying 57 destitute places with preaching. Four young men have been enlisted in the ministry. The Society has in hand of unredeemed pledges, $29,896 61. During the year ending May 20th, 1864, the Society collected $8216 03; expended $6669 16, leaving in district treasuries at the beginning of the present fiscal year, $1546 87.

We offer you the affectionate congratulations of our Society, and pray the Lord to bless the work abundantly in your hands, and guide all your deliberations to the honor and glory of Himself, and the salvation of a sinful world.

R. MOFFETT,
R. R. SLOAN,
A. S. HAYDEN, } *Committee.*

The Indiana Christian Missionary Society presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE INDIANA STATE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

INDIANAPOLIS, *October* 14, 1864.

To the American Christian Missionary Society:

The Indiana Christian Missionary Society sendeth Christian salutation.

Appreciating your efforts to send the Gospel of our Blessed Lord all abroad, and to render the assistance at our command in that good work, we send you by our messengers, Brethren R. L. Howe, A. I. Hobbs, George Campbell, D. R. Van Buskirk, and J. Z. Taylor, a contribution of three hundred dollars, which we hope you will accept and apply in the best manner you can, to the Mission among the Freedmen of the South; and may the blessing of God accompany your efforts in that Mission.

We are happy to state also, that our missionary efforts have

been blessed during the present year, as the following abstract will show:

Our Corresponding Secretary reports: Cash collected, $7241 54; total cash expended, $6102 12; total amount pledged, $20,148 30. Number of districts organized, 16; number of counties embraced in organization, 73; number of preachers employed, 73; young men enlisted for the ministry, 2; number of days' service, 2202; number of discourses, 2612; number of destitute places supplied, 64; number of churches assisted, 178; number of churches organized, 12; number of baptisms, 1092; other additions, 543; whole number of additions, 1635.

By order of the Society,

E. GOODWIN, *President.*

JOHN M. BRAMWELL, *Rec. Sec'y.*

Verbal reports were then made by J. T. Jones, for the State of Illinois, and W. T. Horner, for the State of New York, showing the progress of the work of Missions in those States.

Brother Alanson Wilcox made a statement concerning the Missionary Association in Western Pennsylvania, in substance, as follows:

"The Society had in its employment the past year eight evangelists a part of the time. The labor of these brethren, together with that of the Corresponding Secretary, T. C. McKeever, resulted in about four hundred additions to the churches during the year. At the annual meeting in the city of Alleghany, in August, about eight thousand dollars were pledged for the coming year, for the support of evangelists. Twelve hundred dollars were pledged annually for four years, to educate young men for the proclamation of the Gospel. Brother L. P. Streator, is President of the Society, and T. C. McKeever, of West Middletown, Corresponding Secretary.

"The speaker referred to the fact, that it was within the territory occupied by this Society, that the 'Redstone Association' was located, so conspicuous in the early history of the Reformation. He had lately visited the old meeting-house, and had preached the Gospel at the place rendered historic by the early struggles against Sectarianism, and familiar to all by the vivid pages of the "Christian Baptist."

Brother Thomas Munnell, Corresponding Secretary of the Kentucky Missionary Society, made a verbal report. Being prevented by illness, he could not attend the late anniversary in Lexington; nor had he the full report; but he was able to sum up the results of the past year's labors, as follows:

"We are establishing in every church the system of quarterly contributions, as the principal means of raising missionary funds, and our success has been beyond our expectations. Notwithstanding we have had access to but a portion of the State, there has been raised nearly eight thousand dollars in cash. Nearly fourteen hundred had been added to the Church of Christ. Several new churches had been established, and many fallen ones revived. We are calling all our partly retired preachers fully into the work again. The Society has authorized the Board to secure the services of an efficient Sunday School Agent."

These statements were followed by some spirited remarks as to Missionary enterprise and devotion to the great cause.

Brother J. F. Rowe, the Financial Agent of this Society for the State of Ohio, and the bordering districts east, and north, at the request of the Chair, gave a verbal account of a visit he had made to the oil district of Western Pennsylvania. From some lively and entertaining accounts from Brother Rowe and others, the members of the Convention were convinced, that with some men it is possible to become rich, without becoming mean and parsimonious, as very substantial pledges for the coming year demonstrated. Three brothers alone, agreeing to contribute to the cause of Missions through this Society the coming year, one thousand five hundred dollars.*

The Report of the Board of Managers was then read by the Corresponding Secretary, as follows:

* In connection with this, it may be proper to state that another brother, a young man in the same region, did some months ago, authorize the Recording Secretary of this Society to send a competent preacher to Corry, where he lived. He would guarantee him fifteen hundred dollars a year, and give toward it himself one hundred dollars *per month*, in advance; and would build a good house for the church, at his own expense. He said, "I have made, and am making, a large amount," and asked, "Don't you think I ought to do this much for the cause?"

THE REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS TO THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Our kind Master, in his infinite mercy, casts many a sunbeam over the ways of his people. Though they must encounter the contradiction of sinners, and the opposition of the powers of evil; though their pathway is rugged and thorny, yet ever and anon it opens upon a scene of bewildering beauty, that shrouds from view every asperity they have passed, and nerves them to encounter every coming struggle.

Of such nature is this happy reunion. Here are toil-worn veterans, young men of war in the vigor of their strength; mothers and daughters of the true Israel—hearts hungering for the happiness and salvation of the race; yet sick with the infatuation and perversity of man; convened in a happy assemblage of sympathizing spirits. Here we might almost forget the depravity that broods, like the wing of the destroying angel, over the earth, and anticipate the glorious coming day, when every tongue shall warble the praises of God. Here no ribald song nor blasphemous oath grates upon our ears, but every lip is attuned to sing the songs of heaven, or serves the heart to express its humble devotion to the Creator of the world.

Who, in glancing over this assemblage, sacred to the glory of God and the highest interests of man; who, while listening to the swelling hallelujahs that ring upon our ears; who, while witnessing the devotion of this body, convened from all parts of the land, to that Being whose appearing upon the earth was inaugurated by the benedictions of an angel chorus, of peace and good-will to men; who, here amid these scenes, would be reminded of the shock of mighty armies, terrific conflicts and gory battle-fields? who would behold streams red with human blood, and fields fat with human slain? Yet that terrible contest for the integrity of our country, to which your Board referred one year since, and which we then fondly hoped would long ere this have fled with its horrors before the sway of an honorable, a beneficent and righteous peace, still accumulates in magnitude and fury. But, when the

storm-cloud is blackest and the forked lightnings flash most madly, then soonest the elemental fury is exhausted; soonest the gentle sunshine breaks the vail of darkness, and gilds the renewed earth with its divine beauty. So let us cherish the hope, that the terrible fury of the national contest at this moment is the precursor to a speedy day when peace shall smile beneficently upon a united and renewed country.

Your Board, in their appeals for funds for the missionary treasury, have met everywhere the preoccupation of mind caused by the drain upon the nation's life and resources in this contest. The material wants of humanity enlist the sympathies of men more readily than the higher wants of the soul; incredible sums have been poured forth to relieve the suffering in the field, and the destitute at home. And many, intensely interested in this patriotic and material benevolence, have forgotten the demands of the kingdom of God. Let us drop a tear of sorrow over human frailty, but let us judge tenderly the fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, whose thoughts have been fastened upon the battle-fields where their kinsmen were struggling. The love of Christ ought to tower above every earthly tie, but it is only human for the heart to follow the treasures of the household.

We have also encountered other difficulties, peculiar to the present times. The quadrennial contest for the Chief Magistracy of the nation, waged with unusual fury, has served to distract the minds of many from the missionary cause, and the draft to fill up our depleted armies, at that very time when we expect the largest ingatherings to our treasury, has imposed burdens upon many, which deprived them of the ability to render us their usual aid.

In the earlier history of the Society, the so-called Border States were among the largest contributors to the treasury; but since the outbreak of the rebellion, the receipts from those fields have been in a large measure cut off. While some noble spirits have continued an efficient co-operation, despite the alarums of war, we have been compelled to look in a large measure to the churches of the free States, and though not yet doing a tithe of what is in their power, we have met such indications of a growing interest, that we are encouraged to believe that such a co-operation can soon be secured as to swell our receipts far beyond those of past years.

While outward circumstances have been thus untoward, and the utmost vigor and efficiency required to strengthen the Society, we have been compelled to meet other obstacles, not of a national character.

The Corresponding Secretary selected at the last anniversary, the efficient incumbent for several years, our esteemed brother, Elder D. S. Burnet, found himself physically unable to endure the duties of financial agent in the field, and hence tendered his resignation in March. From the commencement of the missionary year until the 10th of June, the Board had no Corresponding Secretary actively in the field. At that date, the present incumbent, new to the duties of the position, was selected for the remainder of the year.

Such are some of the difficulties we have been compelled to encounter in our financial operations.

Our receipts from all sources have reached $9012 87.*

The Jamaica mission has been paid until Jan. 1st, 1865; and the other missionaries until near the close of the year, leaving a balance of $2905 25, in the hands of the treasurer.

At the last anniverary it was recommended to the Board, by the Convention, that financial agents be employed in each of the States in which our brethren are most numerous, viz: Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Kentucky. It was found impossible to secure suitable men to enter upon the work immediately in all these States. The present Corresponding Secretary commenced his labors as State Agent in Illinois, on the 10th of November. Bro. A. I. Hobbs engaged to enter the field in Indiana, on January 1st, but unforeseen circumstances compelled him to decline after he had already circulated a chain of appointments, and the Board have, as yet, secured no successor. Bro. J. F. Rowe, in March, entered the field of Northern Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and New York.

The Board believe that competent agents should be sent into each of the above named States, and kept in the field until they are thoroughly canvassed, and every congregation brought into active cooperation with the Society.

Through their agents in the field, they urged upon the congre-

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* Over $1200 were paid over to the Corresponding Secretary, after the reading of the report, which will be carried to the account of the coming year.

gations visited, to render themselves regular auxiliaries to the society, by taking up quarterly collections for its treasury. The plan has met with great favor, and is most cheerfully accepted by the congregations. The success of the latter portion of the fiscal year, in this respect, has been such as to assure the Board that an energetic canvass is all that is needed to secure quarterly collections from every principal church of the land. One congregation has thus paid over, during the present year, $313 into the treasury.

The importance of quarterly collections in every congregation can not be over estimated. It enables all to give. The widow can cast in her mite, the rich man his abundance.

The Lord could create millions by his fiat, for his treasuries, but he requires us to give, because "*it is better to give than to receive;*" because giving is a means requisite to growth in the divine life. Christian philanthrophy will extend this *privilege* to the masses — poor as well as rich; and at the same time a sound financial system requires that we should gather the mites of thousands of givers, which will swell into the magnificent offerings of a great people.

While the Board would urge a continued effort to secure *church* co-operation, they would not advise an abandonment of the system of memberships and individual donations. There need be no conflict between the two systems.

Many of our wisest and best brethern have long believed that it would give increased efficiency to our efforts in the gospel, to establish a closer financial union between the national and State missionary societies. Confusion often arises from the separate appeals for the missionary cause, and some have deemed it desirable that such an arrangement should be entered into that no reference would be paid to State lines and sectional divisions, which are unknown to the map of the Savior's kingdom, and that a certain portion of the secured funds should be devoted to the home work, while another fixed proportion be devoted to general missions. In order to give full opportunity to discuss the advantages of such a union, the Board have secured the appointment of Financial Committees from Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio and Indiana, to meet here and at this time, a similar committee of your society in conference.

It is with pleasure that we acknowledge the efficient aid extended by some of our elders and preachers, to the interests of the society.

Could all emulate the noble example of a few, whose modest merit would forbid the mention of their names, the A. C. M. Society would immediately assume an importance and dignity worthy of its noble aim. The Board would take this occasion to urge every preacher and elder to feel himself a divinely appointed agent to present the claims of the society in his locality.

It gives us pleasure in this discussion of ways and means, to acknowledge the donation, by our venerable President Campbell, of the copy-right of the Christian Hymn Book, to certain brethren for revision, to be held in trust for the society. The proceeds, arising from the sales of the revised book, will add very materially to the resources of the society.

We regret to have to inform the Convention that the connection of our devoted brother J. O. Beardslee, with the Jamaica Mission, is at an end. The earliest advocate of the Mission, and devoted with untiring zeal to its cultivation for more than six years, he has seen the infant church spring into being, and multiply its numbers and plant its strongholds, until the ancient gospel has been proclaimed in most parts of the island. Though deeply interested in the work, and encouraged by past success to hope the most glorious results for the future, his duty to his family has demanded his return to this country. Such a probability was expressed at the last Convention; but it was then hoped that such a result might be averted. As the Board perferred awaiting the action of the Convention, since his departure in July, the Missions have been under direction of the native laborers, organized into an auxiliary society, to whom the Board has extended a partial support.

Under these circumstances the growth of the churches could not be rapid, though it is with gratitude that we are able to announce that there has been a steady progress during the past year. The native preachers unite with Bro. Beardslee in the desire that an efficient brother be sent immediately to the field. Deeply impressed with the importance of the Mission, and encouraged by its past success, the Board are of the opinion that the request is only reasonable, and that a wise policy dictates that the petition be complied with as soon as a suitable successor can be obtained.

While moved by a universal and Divine philanthropy that would go into all the world and present the blessings of the gospel to every creature, it is our duty to so husband and direct the re-

sources of time and money at our disposal, as to produce the greatest results. The home fields give most abundant indications of being ripe for the harvest; hence the Board has directed its missionary efforts principally to their cultivation. Missionary labor has been performed in eight States by the employees of the Society, with an aggregate of five hundred and forty additions to the cause.

This labor has been principally subdivided among the following fields:

MISSIONS TO NEW STATES AND TERRITORIES.

The Board is deeply impressed with the importance of pioneer work. The new States and Territories are filling up with an enterprising population, cut loose from old associations, who listen with a candor and docility to the proclamation of the gospel, that is not characteristic of the stereotyped classes of the older States. Not only does the incorruptible seed of the word take root more readily, but it grows and spreads most vigorously in the pure and virgin soil. The infant churches keep pace with the growth of the country, and a comparatively small amount of missionary work at the outset, is the basis of a tower of strength in the coming years.

The Kansas Missions have been under the superintendence of the zealous and laborious brethren Bauserman, Trott, Evans and Brown.

In compliance with the oft-repeated request of the few brethren of Nebraska, the Board secured the services of J. F. Berry, an ardent and efficient brother, to enter that field; but the outbreak of the Indian war, and the consequent excitement, precluding a calm discussion of the claims of the Prince of Peace, have induced the appointed missionary to await a more tranquil state of affairs before entering the field.

FREEDMEN'S MISSION.

Our sympathies have been especially enlisted in behalf of a numerous class gathered together in all the Border States, and in the rear of our armies—the Africans freed by the vicissitudes of the present war. Passing through a most fiery ordeal, undergoing untold hardships, destitute amid their sufferings of the consolations of the gospel of Christ, their condition calls forth every generous impulse of the Christian heart. The Board in following out the

direction of the last Convention, have been fortunate in securing the services of Samuel Lowery, an efficient colored brother, to labor among the Freedmen of Tennessee. He has met with the most cheering success; 42 were added to the Church under his labors in the month of July, 41 in August.

Bro. R. Conrad is still laboring among his brethren according to the flesh, in the free States, under the auspices of the Society. We are pleased to be able to state that there has been a steady progress of the missions under his charge.

There will be submitted herewith a tabular view of the missionary fields, laborers of the Society, and the results.

Names of Missionaries.	Fields of labor.	Time of service.	Accessions.
J. H. Bauserman,	Kansas,	Ten months,	158
J. J. Trott,	"	Four months,	16
S. G. Brown,	"	Five months,	36
R. Conrad,	Ohio,	Seven months,	28
J. F. Rowe,	"	Seven months,	44
B. B. Tyler,	Illinois,	Two weeks,	6
B. W. Johnson,	At large,	Ten months,	55
Samuel Lowery,	Freedmen,	Three months,	108
J. O. Beardslee,	Jamaica,		
Wm. Maddix,	"		
John H. Crole,	"		
T. N. Willoughby,	"		50
H. Oliphant,	"		
Thomas Scott,	"		
Thomas Austin,	"		
M. Dick,	"		

We are more than ever impressed with the vital importance of our holy work. The Macedonian cry is resounding from every quarter of the land. Calls for the gospel, calls that God requires us to answer, are ringing daily in our ears. The fields are white; the laborers are wanting.

In the name of our blessed Master, we appeal to a great people to give us the aid that will enable us to carry out on a noble scale the heavenly work of preaching the gospel to every creature.

By order of the Board.

B. W. JOHNSON, *Cor. Sec'ry.*

Upon motion, the report of the Board of Managers was accepted:

Bro. A. I. Hobbs moved, that so much of the report of the Board of Managers as relates to the donation of the Christian Hymn Book, be referred to a Committee, composed of one from each of the States represented in this Convention. Adopted.

The chair appointed as this Committee: R. R. Sloan, of Ohio; Joseph King, of Pennsylvania; A. I. Hobbs, of Indiana; B. W. Johnson, of Illinois; Richard Hawley, of Michigan; J. B. Bowman, of Kentucky; James Carr, of New York; T. M. Allen, of Missouri.

On motion of W. T. Horner, it was—

Resolved, To refer so much of the report of the Board as relates to Home Missions to a Committee of three. The chair appointed brethren J. S. Sweeney, R. L. Howe and Thomas Munnell.

Bro. O. A. Burgess moved, that that part of the report of the Board relating to Foreign Missions be referred to a Committee of three. Passed.

Appointed by the chair: O. A. Burgess, J. T. Jones and Dr. Shackelford.

Bro. A. I. Hobbs then made a personal and satisfactory explanation, in reference to his inability to act as agent for this society, in the State of Indiana.

No further business being ready, the chair announced that short voluntary addresses would be in order, when the meeting was addressed by Bro. John Burns, of St. Louis, in an animated strain, who was followed by Thomas Munnell and Dr. L. L. Pinkerton, of Kentucky, and O. A. Burgess, of Indiana, discussing the impolicy of educating our children in sectarian schools, and strongly condemning the practice, prevailing to some extent, of patronizing Roman Catholic institutions.

On motion of A. R. Benton, of Indianapolis, the following preamble and resolution were passed:

"Whereas, the encouragement and assistance of young men who are designing to enter the Christian Ministry, is eminently a missionary work, and should enlist the warm sympathy of every missionary enterprise, therefore—

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to report during the session of this Convention, what action this society can take through its agents to co-operate with our State societies and colleges in the work of general education, but especially with respect to the education of men for the work of the Christian ministry."

The chair appointed A. R. Benton, H. W. Everest, L. L. Pinkerton and Robert Milligan.

On motion, adjourned.

Afternoon Session. — Convention met according to adjournment, at two o'clock, and opened with the usual religious exercises.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The continued enrollment of members, and reception of funds, then occupied a short time, when the Committee, to which that part of the report of the Board, relating to the Home Missions, was referred, reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Home Missions, beg leave to present the following:

1. As the rapid growth of population in Washington Territory, Nebraska, Kansas and Minnesota is attracting the attention of the whole world, we earnestly recommend these as important fields of labor.

2. We recommend a continuation and increase of missionary labor among the Africans in the border States.

3. We view with great interest a dissemination of the gospel in New England, and therefore earnestly recommend the Board to employ, at least one Evangelist, to go forth and penetrate the home of our fathers.

R. L. Howe,
Thomas Munnell,
J. S. Sweeney. } *Committee.*

Bro. Enos Adamson made a verbal report, relating to the churches in the State of Maryland.

Bro. O. A. Burgess read the following report from the Committees appointed by the State Missionary Societies, to confer with a Committee of this society, in reference to the adoption of some plan of co-operation.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CO-OPERATION.

The following Committees, from the State Missionary Societies, met in joint consultation with a Committee from the American C. M. Society, to confer on the subject of harmonizing the operations

of the State Societies with those of the General Missionary Society, to-wit:

R. Milligan, J. G. Allen, Aylett Raines—Committee from the Kentucky C. M. Society.

O. A. Burges, A. I. Hobbs, C. G. Bartholomew—Committee from the Indiana C. M. Society.

J. T. Jones, H. W. Everest, J. M. Allen—Committee from the Illinois C. M. Society.

A. Wilcox, Joseph King—Committee from the Pennsylvania C. M. Society.

A. S. Hayden, J. M. Henry, R. R. Sloan—Committee from the Ohio C. M. Society.

R. M. Bishop. C. H. Gould, Wm. Baxter—Committee from the American C. M. Society.

After a full and free conference they agreed to present the following report:

Whereas, it is desirable that unity of purpose and action should characterize all efforts of the State and general societies, in order to avoid collision, and secure the best economy of means, so as to present a more satisfactory exhibit of our missionary work at large, and secure larger resources for its prosecution, it becomes important to define the limits of their respective operations, and suggest such measures as may, at least expense and greatest harmony, carry forward the one object they all have in view; we therefore submit the following suggestions:

1. We regard it as the more particular object of the State societies to operate for missionary purposes within their own territory, and, in the prosecution of this purpose, that their State organizations remain the same as at present.

2. It is the object of the General Society to operate in destitute fields in our own and foreign lands; comprehending in such destitute places the feebler States, where organizations are still in their infancy.

With the above understanding as to the limits of the State and general organization, we recommend:

1. That seventy-five per cent. of the entire funds raised in any State, whether by State or general agencies, be subject to the direction of the State Board, and the balance to be appropriated by the Board of the General Society.

2. That the State societies report, year by year, their missionary operations to the General Society, to be embodied in one general report.

3. That we recommend the General Society so to amend their Constitution that the President of the State Boards and corresponding secretaries of the several State societies be *ex officio* members of the Board of the General Society.

4. That nothing herein recommended be so construed as to interfere with the right of individuals to designate the object to which their funds shall be appropriated.

5. That this society appoint a Committee of three from each State, who shall submit this plan to their respective State societies, endeavor to secure its adoption, and report at the next annual meeting of this society. R. M. MILLIGAN, *Chairman.*

O. A. BURGESS, *Secretary.*

The order of business was then suspended upon the motion of Bro. R. R. Sloan, to hear a short address from colored Bro. —— Boyd, when he read a carefully prepared address to an attentive audience.

Upon motion, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Boyd for his address.

The order of business was then resumed, when, upon motion, Bro. Robert Milligan was added to the Committee on Education.

The report of the Recording Secretary was then read, and refered to the Auditor.

The Business Committee then reported the order of business for to-morrow, as follows, and asked to be discharged; which was adopted.

MORNING SESSION.—1. Continued enrollment of members.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Unfinished business.
4. Miscellaneous business.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—1. Address from Bro. A. Campbell.
2. Unfinished business.
3. Miscellaneous business.

Short addresses then being called for, Bro. Beardslee, with s

playful remark, called out Bro. James Carr, from New York, who made a warm and spirited address.

This address was followed by one from Bro. Beardslee, making a strong appeal in behalf of the Jamaica Mission.

The Committee to which was referred that part of the report relating to foreign missions, reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee, to which was referred that part of the report of the Board pertaining to Foreign Missions, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to submit the following:

1. That no new foreign fields be entered upon.

2. In view of the eminent services of our beloved Bro. J. O. Beardslee, justly entitling him to the good will and affection of every member of this society, that if possible, he be returned to his field of labor in Jamaica.

3. That if such arrangement can not be effected, the Board of this Society employ, at the earliest practicable moment, a competent Missionary for that field; and in any event, that the native laborers already at work there should be sustained.

O. A. Burgess,
John T. Jones,
Dr. Shackelford, } *Committee.*

This report, after remarks from Brethren A. S. Hayden, W. T. Moore, A. D. Fillmore, O. A. Burgess, was adopted.

The chair then announced the following Committees to carry out the plan recommended in the report of the Committees of Conference on Co-operation:

R. Milligan, J. G. Allen, A. Raines, Kentucky.

O. A. Burgess, A. I. Hobbs, C. G. Bartholomew, Indiana.

J. T. Jones, H. W. Everest, J. M. Allen, Illinois.

Alanson Wilcox, Joseph King, T. C. McKeever, Pennsylvania.

A. S. Hayden, J. M. Henry, R. R. Sloan, Ohio.

James Carr, W. A. Belding, W. T. Horner, New York.

On motion, adjourned.

Wednesday Evening, *October 19th.*—The brethren assembled at the hour appointed.

In songs and prayers, and the reading of the Scriptures, together with warm words of Christian exhortation from Brethren Bartholomew, Blunt, Taylor and Raines, the time passed until the hour of the regular address, when Brother Joseph King, of Alleghany City, spoke to a large and interested audience; his theme—the greatness of the harvest, and the fewness of the laborers—was ably presented.

At the close of Bro. King's address, Brother Isaac Errett, to whom the task had been assigned, made a very stirring and effective appeal for aid to fill the treasury of the society. The contributions and pledges (comparing ourselves with ourselves), were encouraging, as an indication of an incipient but growing liberality.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, *Oct. 20th.*—According to adjournment the Convention assembled at 8 o'clock, and spent an hour in singing, prayer and short addresses, Brother J. M. Henry presiding.

At 9 o'clock the business session was resumed—the minutes of the last meeting read and approved, and a short time spent in the reception of contributions and the enrollment of members. Bro. Benton then read the report of the Committee on Education.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee to whom was referred the preamble and resolutions respecting Education in general, and Ministerial Education in particular, would submit the following report:

1. That the interests of the Christian Church require, that it should heartily engage in the establishment and support of Academies, Seminaries and Colleges, and in all cases as far as practicable, that its members give their patronage to schools under the supervision of our brotherhood.

2. That the work of educating young men for the ministry is clearly a Missionary work, and should be fostered and encouraged by this Society.

3. Recognizing this duty, we believe it is also practicable to accomplish much good the present year by the following plan:

1. That the *State Societies* be requested to seek out and aid young

men in preparing for this work, which can be done at our Colleges and High Schools, as at present constituted.

2. That the Agents of this Society be required to co-operate with State Societies in carrying on this work.

3. That the State Societies be requested to report to this Society, at its next annual meeting, the number of young men assisted, the money expended for this purpose, and all other matter of interest connected with this work.

4. That a Committee on Education be appointed by this Society, representing as far as practicable the interests of each of our Collegiate Schools, to whom shall be referred all educational reports from the several States, and whose duty it shall be to consider the same, and make a condensed report on the whole subject to this Society at its annual meeting.

A. R. BENTON,
L. L. PINKERTON,
R. MILLIGAN,
H. W. EVEREST.
} *Committee.*

After remarks supporting the report, by Brother Benton, and others from Bro. E. Goodwin, Dr. Cox inquired whether this report was in order under the Constitution of this Society.

The Chair stated that as the Convention had adopted the resolution appointing this Committee, he would not undertake to rule it out of order. Any measure, legitimately subordinate to the great object of the Society, could properly be entertained. If the Society deemed any measure illegitimate it could be voted down.

After some remarks the report was read again, and was discussed at some length by Brethren Cox, Goodwin, Hayden, and others. The point of order being again raised, and the chairman restating his former decision, O. A. Burgess appealed from the decision of the chair to the house. The appeal was lost. The report was then adopted by the vote of the Convention.

The Committee to which was referred that part of the Board's report relating to the Hymn Book, then reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HYMN BOOK.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Board as refers to the Hymn Book, beg leave respectfully to report:

1. That we take pleasure in recording our grateful sense of the generous offer to transfer the copyright of the Hymn Book, made by Brother A. Campbell, as alike expressive of his devotion to the cause of Missions, and his desire to meet the wants of the Brotherhood.

2. That we cordially approve the twofold object had in view by Bro. Campbell, to-wit: first, that the Hymn Book be revised and enlarged, by a committee of competent brethren, to be mutually chosen by himself and the Society: second, that the profits arising from the sale of the book may be appropriated to that benevolent agency which most fully embodies and expresses the philanthropic aims of the whole Brotherhood—the general Missionary Society.

3. That in accordance with this object, we have agreed with Bro. A. Campbell upon the following brethren, who shall be empowered to take the necessary steps for effecting the transfer of the copyright, and also to make arrangements for the publication of the book when revised, and to report in detail a plan for future operations, at the next annual meeting, for the action of the Society, to-wit: R. M. Bishop, C. H. Gould, W. H. Lape, O. A. Burgess and J. B. Bowman.

4. That in conference with Brother Campbell, your Committee have agreed upon the following brethren, to whom shall be entrusted the revision and enlargement of the Hymn Book, to-wit: Isaac Errett, W. K. Pendleton, W. T. Moore, T. M. Allen and A. S. Hayden, who shall, when their work is complete, hand it over to the trustees for publication.

We further recommend, that as soon as practicable after the first edition, with a view to encourage congregational singing, the Society appoint a Committee of persons of musical skill to adapt tunes to the hymns, that a Hymn and Tune Book may be given to the Brotherhood.

Should these measures be adopted, it is understood that nothing in them should be so construed as to preclude any subsequent revision of the book that the Society may deem advisable.

R. R. Sloan, of Ohio.
James Carr, of New York.
R. Hawley, of Michigan.
B. W. Johnson, of Illinois.
T. M. Allen, of Missouri.
J. B. Bowman, of Kentucky.
A. I. Hobbs, of Indiana.
Joseph King, of Pennsylvania.

Committee.

Bro. Burgess moved to take up the report, item by item. Passed. On separate motions, the first, second and third items were adopted. It was then moved, to adopt the fourth item, when Bro. Benton made a motion to amend the item, by adding Wm. Baxter to the Committee of Revisors, and by consent, the name of Bro. L. H. Jameson was included in the amendment. Bro. Benton supported the amendment, by alluding to Bro. Baxter's poetic taste and ability, which he stated were very generally known and acknowledged by the brotherhood, and which fitted him eminently for a place on the Committee. Bro. L. L. Pinkerton expressed similar views, but thought the Committee sufficiently large. Bro. Burgess, at whose suggestion the name of Bro. Jameson had been added to the amendment, thought there was no disadvantage in a large Board of Revisors, and urged the claims of these two brethren to a place in the Committee. Brethren Bishop, Wiles and Franklin did not object to these two brethren, but opposed the amendment, in defference to the wishes of Bro. Campbell.

Pending this discussion, Bro. Shackleford moved to lay the amendment on the table: this motion prevailed.

Bro. Burgess now moved to recommit the fourth item of the report to the Committee, with instructions to confer with Bro. Campbell, requesting him to consent to the addition of the names of Brethren Baxter and Jameson to the list of revisors. Passed.

The fifth item of the report was then adopted, when the report was laid on the table to await the return of the Committee.

Bro. W. T. Moore then introduced the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas the little band of faithful brethren in the city of London has made a special call on the brethren in this country, to send a Missionary to that great metropolis, and whereas such a mission promises well, and is likely soon to become self-sustaining; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of this Society be instructed to take into consideration the propriety of sending a Missionary to that city, and, if the means of the Society will justify such a mission the coming year, the Board is hereby instructed to select a man for the work.

Bro. Moore supported his resolutions, by some remarks, showing the importance of establishing missions at the great centers of trade, learning and civilization; and expressed the conviction that

a mission in London would soon become self-sustaining. Bro. Franklin opposed the resolution on the ground that the brethren in England had intimated that they did not desire a Missionary to be sent from America to them, as they were beginning to stand in doubt of the brethren in the United States, fearing indeed that in some respects they were departing from apostolic grounds. He also stated that any one going from this country to that, with the idea of enlightening the brethren there, would find himself mistaken in his estimate of the amount of their intelligence. After some further expressions, as to who and what would be, or would not be, acceptable to our English brethren, Bro. L. L. Pinkerton rose and said: for the very reasons expressed by Bro. Franklin, he was in favor of sending a Missionary to England, for if they were in the benighted condition which the remarks of the brother implied, they most certainly were in need of light.

Bro. Burgess gave an affecting account of a scene which took place in the city of London. An assemblage of several hundred poor, ragged, squallid, starving creatures, and in their midst, one of their number, with a single leaf of the New Testament in one hand, a dimly burning tallow candle in the other. He read painfully and slowly, as beginners at school, these words: "God—so—loved—the—world,"—adding "that means us," and proceeded, "that—he—gave—his—only—begotten—son—that—whosoever"—("that means us") "might—not—perish." Such a scene, said the speaker, never occurs in America. Bro. Hobbs showed that the prevailing discontent with the established Church in England rendered the present moment a most favorable one for the introduction of the primitive gospel. Brethren Mooklar and G. Campbell, also gave some pertinent thoughts upon the subject, when the previous question was moved by Bro. Benton, and sustained.

The main question was then adopted by the vote of the Convention.

The Committee on Nominations then made the following report, which was adopted:

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS.

PRESIDENT—Alexander Campbell.

VICE PRESIDENTS—Isaac Errett, R. M. Bishop, John Smith, James Challen, Thomas M. Allen, Alexander Proctor, Joseph Wasson, S.

E. Shepard, Wm. K. Pendleton, A. Raines, Elijah Goodwin, D. S. Burnet, J. M. Henry, George Campbell, John T. Jones, Robert Milligan, Benj. Franklin, A. S. Hayden, J. H. Jones, W. T. Horner, A. Chatterton, J. W. Cox.

MANAGERS—Wm. Baxter, James Magill, J. F. Mills, George W. Trowbridge, Dr. E. Williams, O. A. Burgess, Thomas H. Moore, Wm. H. Lape, M. H. Slosson, Thomas Munnell, Wm. S. Dickinson, J. M. Tilford, W. C. Holton, John Rogers, senr., C. L. Loos, Chas. D. Hurlbutt, T. F. Marsh, James Leslie, John Shackelford, Wm. B. Mooklar, O. M. Talbot, Robert Graham, Thos. A. Conway, Jas. M. Allen, B. W. Wasson.

OFFICERS—B. W. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary; H. S. Bosworth, Jacob Burnet, Recording Secretaries; Geo. W. Bishop, Treasurer; C. H. Gould, Auditor.

The Committee on the Hymn Book then reported on the fourth item, recommitted to them, as follows:

Your Committee, appointed to visit and instructed to request Bro. Campbell that two names, to-wit: Brethren Baxter and Jameson be added to the list of revisors, beg leave to report:

That they have, through their chairman, accompanied by Bro. R. M. Bishop, laid your request before him, to which he replies: That, while he has no objection to the names suggested, and would be equally pleased with others that could be mentioned, he is unchanged in his conviction that a thorough revision of the work will be more speedily and efficiently secured by a small committee; and since the names mentioned were the unanimous choice of the Committee, and agreed to by himself, he thinks the number and names should remain as they are.

The fourth item of the report is, therefore, recommended for you adoption. R. R. SLOAN, *Chairman.*

Bro. Burgess suggested the propriety of Bro. Campbell's yielding to the proposed addition, inasmuch as it was the expressed wish of the Convention, as well as on the ground of the acknowledged fitness of the persons proposed. Bro. Baxter rose and expressed the hope that the brethren would not insist on his name being added, as he was not only satisfied with the choice made, but was also willing to place in the hands of the Committee all the materials he had collected and prepared for the new book, and to

further the work by any aid he could give. Moreover, that he had received from the brethren, and from Father Campbell in particular, assurances of their regard far stronger than a place upon the Committee would indicate, by giving his hymns a place in the present Hymn Book, and in nearly all the collections of hymns and music published among us. He also gave his most cordial approval to those to whom the work was entrusted, renewed his offer of any assistance he could give them, and expressed the hope that through their labors a book perfectly adequate to the wants of our people would be speedily supplied.

This report on the fourth item was then adopted.

The original report was then taken from the table, and, upon motion, adopted in full.

On motion, the meeting adjourned, to assemble at two o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon Session.—The Convention assembled at 2 o'clock, and was opened by religious exercises.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Bro. A. Campbell, the President of the Society, who had not arrived in time to deliver the opening address, now read a speech of considerable length and great power to a deeply attentive audience.

At the close of this address, on motion of O. A. Burgess, the report of the Board of Managers, which was presented yesterday, was adopted.

Bro. Wm. H. Lape then introduced a resolution to issue an ornamental certificate of annual membership, which was referred to the Board of Managers.

The Report of the Treasurer was then read and referred to the Auditor.

On motion of A. S. Hayden, it was resolved that the cordial thanks of this Society be tendered to the following Railroad and Steamboat Companies, who have generously agreed to return delegates attending this Convention from abroad, over their lines free of charge, viz:

Indiana & Cincinnati Railroad.
Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad.
Covington & Lexington Railroad.

Sandusky, Dayton & Cincinnati Railroad.
Pittsburgh, Columbus & Cincinnati Railroad.
Dayton & Michigan Railroad.
Dayton & Western Railroad.
Dayton & Xenia Railroad.
Little Miami, Columbus & Xenia Railroad.
Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati Railroad.
Junction Railroad.

STEAM BOATS.

Magnolia.
Bostona No. 3.
Cincinnati & Louisville U. S. Mail Company.

In this motion was included a vote of thanks to the brethren and citizens of Cincinnati, who have hospitably entertained the members of this Convention during its session.

Dr. Cox of Mayslick, Kentucky, then introduced the following:

Resolved, That a Committee of three from each State be appointed to solicit and receive contributions, to be applied to the erection of a monument over the remains of Elder Walter Scott, and that said Committees send the funds thus collected to the Corresponding Secretary of this Society, to be paid into the treasury and held for the above purpose.

After remarks from the mover of the resolution, and several brethren recognizing the pure and lofty qualities of our lamented brother, the resolution was adopted.

The chairman appointed on the Committee the following brethren:

Ohio.—R. M. Bishop, Cincinnati; A. S. Hayden, Collamer; John McElroy, Mt. Vernon.

Indiana.—L. H. Jameson, Indianapolis; Wm. Dowling, Kendalville; J. M. Mathes, Bedford.

Kentucky.—Enos Campbell, Hopkinsville; J. Aug. Williams, Harrodsburg; J. W. Cox, Mayslick.

Illinois.—J. T. Jones, Jacksonville; J. D. Berry, Bloomington; J. M. Allen, Eureka.

Pennsylvania.—Joseph King, Alleghany City; John Phillips, Edenburgh, Lawrence co.; T. C. McKeever, West Middletown.

Michigan.—J. B. Crane, Paw-Paw; W. B. Hendryx, Ionia; Colin Campbell, Detroit.

New York.—W. H. Belding, Syracuse; James Carr, New York; W. T. Horner, Williamsville.

Iowa.—James Challen, Davenport; Jonas Hartzel, Davenport; J. E. Gaston, Fort Des Moines.

Missouri.—B. F. Smith, St. Louis; J. K. Rogers, Columbia; Alex. Porter, Paris, Moore co.

Maryland.—D. S. Burnet, Geo. Austin and G. W. Morling, Baltimore.

West Virginia.—C. L. Loos, Bethany; Lewis Hall, Wellsburg; John Mendel, Wheeling.

The meeting then adjourned, to assemble at 6½ o'clock.

CLOSING SESSION.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and spent an hour in prayer and social exercises. Brief and heartfelt addresses were made by Brethren A. B. Green, Moffett, Franklin, Baxter, Walk and Errett.

At the hour appointed, Brother H. W. Everest, of Eureka College, delivered the closing regular address, which was heard with great interest by a large assembly.

The minutes were then read and approved.

A parting hymn was now sung with much feeling, when, after prayer by the venerable President of the Society, the Convention finally adjourned.

H. S. Bosworth, *Recording Secretary.*

THE CAUSE IN NORTHERN OHIO.

STATEMENT OF J. F. ROWE, FINANCIAL AGENT.

The following is a summary of my Missionary labor in Ohio and the adjoining part of Pennsylvania, for eight months, ending in October.

Money collected, about $1600 00.

Pledges obtained on Annual and Life Members and Life Directors, $4000 00.

Number added to the Church where I have assisted at meetings, 44.

I have traveled about 2700 miles.

A number of churches have agreed to support the Society by sending in quarterly contributions, and many more will do the same.

By visiting the churches for the next year, explaining the objects of this Society, I have no doubt that a permanent basis for great good in the future will be laid. A continued and untiring effort should be made to teach the necessity of systematic beneficence, co-operation and concentration of labor.

Of the pledges obtained for the next year, fifteen hundred dollars are from three brethren of New Castle, Pa. It may not be improper to state that these brothers, T., C. M. and T. W. Phillips, who are wealthy, were, a short time ago, preachers of the gospel, and poor in this world's goods. These devoted brethren, and others in the oil region, will without doubt generously aid in carrying forward the Missionary work.

RECAPITULATION OF MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.

An effort has been made, during the year now closing, to adopt some plan upon which the State and General Missionary Societies could co-operate. By a recommendation in the report of the Committees, appointed for this purpose by the several societies (see page 20), which was adopted in this Convention, and, no doubt, will be agreed to by the several State societies, at their next Annual Convention, the reports from the State Societies are to be presented, at the Anniversary Meetings of the A. C. M. Society, "to be embodied in our general report," so as to give, at one view, the aggregate of the labor of all the societies.

It is expected, therefore, that the next anniversary proceeding of this Society will contain a full tabular statement of all the organized missionary labor of our brotherhood.

Considerable information was given at the present Anniver ary Meeting, but much of it verbally. Below is a brief summary of the main items, except from the Illinois Society, which, though stated verbally in the Convention, has not been received in written form in time to embody in this report.

	Corresp'd'g Secretaries.	Cash Receipts.	Amount Pledged.	Evangelists employed.	Baptisms and Accessions
Ohio S. Missionary Soc'y.	R. R. Sloan,	$8216 00	$29896 00	73	1253
Indiana S. Miss'ry Soc'y.	R. L. Howe,	7241 00	20148 00	73	1635
Kent'ky S. Miss'ry Soc'y.	Thomas Munnell,	8000 00			1400
West Penn. Miss'ry Soc'y.	T. C. McKeever,		9000 00	8	400
A. C. M. Society	B. W. Johnson,	7200 00		16	*540
Total.....		$30657 00	$59000 00	170	5228

* This does not include all the accessions of the A. C. M. Society, as the closing reports from Jamaica and Kansas are not yet received.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST ANNUAL REPORT.

LIFE MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS.

Mrs Nannie White, 3d inst.	$5 00	Miss Helen Hockaday, bal.	5 00
" Mary Peckinpaugh, 3 inst.	5 00	J W Butler	5 00
W T Greene, 5th inst.	5 00	J H Pickrel, 1st inst.	5 00
Mrs Letitia Faurot, 1st inst.	5 00	Mrs M D Ezman, 1st inst.	5 00
Jos Rohrer, 4th inst.	5 00	J M Radcliff, 5th inst.	5 00
J B Myres, 2d to 4th inst.	15 00	Kate Zorgler, 1st inst.	5 00
J W Haymaker, 4th inst	5 00	Jerome Waltmire, 1st inst.	5 00
Dr Geo B Harrison, 4th inst and 5th.	10 00	Dr A L Simmons	5 00
Chas W Grimes, 2d and 3d inst.	10 00	L R Norton	5 00
Dr Sidney S Grimes, 1st and 2d inst.	10 00	H M Hickok	5 00
Rich'd H Prewitt, 3d, 4th & 5th inst.	15 00	N A Walker	5 00
Jos Moline, 2d to 4th inst.	15 00	T M Yearing	3 00
Gen Wm Bryan, bal.	20 00	Miss Panthea Leavitt	5 00
Mrs S J Stover, inst.	5 00	J F Saiger	5 00
J Anderson, 1st and 2d inst.	10 00	Dr C McMillen	5 00
Mary A Hammond, 5th inst.	5 00	D W Storer	5 00
Dr Wm Bailey, 5th inst.	5 00	J F Scott	5 00
R H Mills, 3d and 4th inst.	10 00	S Guilson	2 50
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Wm Cleveland	10 00
Sister Peebles	10 00
A E Stephenson	3 00
"Loyal Brethren at Lexington, Kentucky and vicinity."	100 00
A Garving	1 00
Mrs A D Jones	1 00
" H A Miller	1 00
Samuel Hunter	3 00
Ellen Smith	1 00
Silas Sharp	1 00
Francis Hoover	1 00
Mary A Rowe	1 00
Jerome Hunter	1 00
Louisa Clandace	2 00
C R Gorgas	1 00
Mrs E Eldred	1 00
Eliza Rhineheart	10 00
A Soldier	1 00
John Rogers	14 00
W H Lape	50 00
Simeon Miller	15 13
Robert Tate	3 00
John McKee	1 00
Foster Powers	1 00
H W Lewis	1 00

Mrs H Lewis	1 00	E G Bassett	1 00
Ann Tate	1 00	I Sturtevant	1 00
Mary R Tate	1 00	Persis Browning	1 00
E J Tate	1 00	Sarah Ames	1 00
James Wilson, senr	1 00	N B Ferrey	1 00
Samuel Jones	1 00	Nelson Works	1 00
M Gettis	1 00	R D Barnes	1 00
Jacob Christ	1 00	W T Smith	1 00
I P Gordon	1 00	D L Jones	1 00
Jas Wilson, jr	1 00	Mrs A Crowell	1 00
A G McCorkle	1 00	Mrs A Green	1 00
Mary McCorkle	1 00	H S Bosworth	1 00
D P Dickerson	1 00	J Harber	1 00

AUXILIARIES.

Christian Church at	Harrison, Ohio,	$32 00
" "	Spring Creek, Indiana,	7 75
" "	New Cumberland, West Virginia,	8 75
" "	Harrodsburg, Kentucky,	14 00
" "	Braddock's Field, Pennsylvania,	14 00
" "	Little Mackinaw,	99 25
" "	" Mackinaw, from H. M. C. Keefer,	8 00
" "	" Mackinaw, from R. J. Mitchell,	20 00
" "	Stout's Grove, Illinois,	7 50
" "	Bethel, Logan county, Illinois,	14 35
" "	Clary's Grove, Illinois,	39 85
" "	Newburg, Ohio,	14 30
" "	Indianapolis, Indiana, " from Freedman,	230 00
" "	Winchester, Illinois,	24 00
" "	Abingdon, Illinois,	24 10
" "	Grassy Ridge, Illinois,	13 70
" "	Charleston, Illinois,	4 80
" "	Princeton, Illinois,	3 80
" "	Eureka, Illinois,	25 70
" "	Wapella,	3 00
" "	Carrollton,	11 55
" "	Ursu,	16 55
" "	Antioch,	16 75
" "	Holmesville, Ohio,	5 21
" "	Wadworth, Ohio,	5 61
" "	Belleville, Ohio,	1 36
" "	Shelby, Ohio,	5 05
" "	Shreve, Ohio,	4 10
" "	Phillips, Columbia county, Ohio,	4 15
" "	Twin Grove, Illinois,	8 80
" "	Jackson, Ohio,	5 35
" "	Bethel, Clermont county, Ohio,	14 00
" "	Atlanta, Illinois,	5 00
" "	Edinburg, Indiana,	3 00
" "	Lanark, Illinois,	3 00
" "	Springville, Illinois,	5 50
" "	Lyons, Fulton county, Ohio,	5 00
" "	Chesterfield, Ohio,	3 75
" "	Clear Creek, Indiana,	8 00
" "	Rockford, Illinois,	33 50
" "	Danvers, Illinois,	6 15
" "	Oskaloosa, Iowa,	2 50
" "	E. Cleveland, Ohio,	5 37
" "	New Lisbon, Ohio,	20 20

Christian Church at Larime, Indiana,		$25 15
" " Franklin, Illinois,		21 60
" " Union, Illinois,		30 10
" " Bedford, Illinois,		24 00
" " Owensburg, Illinois,		12 50
" " Leatherwood, Illinois,		16 00
" " Port William, Illinois,		20 25
" " Bloomington, Illinois,		11 40
" " Clear Creek, Illinois,		33 80
" " Richland, Illinois,		3 55
" " Greencastle,		30 25
" " Paris, Kentucky,		60 00
" " Seneca, Michigan,		4 75
" " Alleghany City, Pennsylvania,		75 00
" " Harristown, Illinois,		6 00
" " Oak Grove,		5 45
" " Pilot Grove,		7 25
" " Cincinnati (Walnut and Eight streets),		313 47
" " By John Ross (post marked, Grand Detour, Illinois),		8 55
" " Winchester, Indiana,		7 00
" " Peter's Creek, Pennsylvania,		10 00
" " Fairview, Indiana,		5 45
" " Cincinnati, Ohio (Harrison street)		10 25
" " Dayton, Ohio,		26 80
" " Maysville, Kentucky,		14 00
" " Macedonia, Ohio,		8 60
" " Kokomo, Indiana,		9 70
" " Beasley's Creek, Kentucky,		52 00
" " South Elkhorn, Fayette county, Kentucky,		15 00
" " Macedonia, Fayette county, Kentucky,		35 00
" " Republican, Fayette county, Kentucky,		17 00
" " New Salem, Green county, Ohio,		20 00
Christian Sunday School, Seventeenth street, New York,		101 50
" " " Dayton, Ohio,		7 75
Collection at the Annual Meeting, Salem, Ohio,		30 25
" " " " Minerva, Ohio,		32 25
" " " " Bazetta, Ohio,		22 65
" " " " Stowe, Ohio,		46 26
Indiana Christian Missionary Society, "for Freedmen,"		300 00
Several Churches in Knox county, Indiana,		25 00
Christian Church, Seventh street, New York, for Jamaica Mission,		48 63
" " Mt. Carmal, Ohio,		10 00

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from old account	$3079 18
Amount received this year	5933 69
Total	$9012 87

EXPENDITURES.

Home Missions, including the salaries and traveling expenses of Corresponding Secretary and Agents		3833 63
Jamaica Mission—		
Salary of J. O. Beardslee, for six months	$600 00	
J. O. Beardslee, for extra time	50 00	
Allowed J. O. Beardslee, for return to U. S.	150 00	
Paid native Preachers in Jamaica	975 00	
Total for Jamaica		1775 00
Paid for keeping Books of the Society, for last year		200 00
Traveling expenses of Bro. Haley to last year's Convention		50 00
Balance of cost of publishing proceedings of last Annual Convention,		89 98
Cost of Circulars, postage, stationery, exchange, expressage, certificates of Life Membership		159 01
Balance carried to new account		2905 25
Total		$9012 87

H. S. BOSWORTH,
Recording Secretary.

Cincinnati, October 18, 1864.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Geo. W. Bishop, Treasurer,

In account with the A. C. M. Society.

Dr.

To balance from last year	$3079 18
To Cash from Recording Secretary	5933 68
Total	$9012 87

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By amount paid on orders passed by the Board	$6107 62
By balance to new account	2905 25
Total	$9012 87

GEO. W. BISHOP,
Treasurer.

Cincinnati, October 18, 1864.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Recording Secretary and Treasurer, and find them correct.

C. H. GOULD,
Auditor.

Cincinnati, October 18, 1864.

Money received on the second and third days of the Convention, and which will be carried to the new account.

A. Teuchout	$5 00	C. McCook	1 00
L. C. Stebbins	3 00	J. Klienban	3 00
Ellen Rubel	2 00	A. Coffin	5 00
R. McMichael	1 00	W. C. Coffin	3 00
A. Pickrell	1 00	Mrs. W. C. Coffin	2 00
Fannie Johnson	1 00	W. Gibler	1 00
Mary McCann	1 00	Rachel Lance	1 00
Mary Howe	1 00	W. Lance	1 00
Rachel Howe	1 00	Lucy Dunn	1 00
J. G. Allen	5 00	H P. Thompson	1 00
Andrew Steele	5 00	Geo. White	20 00
V. C. Smith	1 00	Colin Campbell	25 00
A. Scott	1 00	C. H. Gould	100 00
John Scott	1 00	Bequest of Isabella McCash	50 00
S. L. Clark	1 00	Collection in Convention	104 50
A. A. Clark	1 00	N. C. Ramsey	1 00
C. Strickel	2 00	E. C. Ellis	5 00
Jeannette Knight	1 00	A. L. Martin	1 00
Sophronia Williams	1 00	Mrs. A. L. Martin	1 00
Caroline Strickland	5 00	Caroline Martin	1 00
Mrs. O. P. Badger	5 00	Mary Ficklin	1 00
Mrs. S. A. Bromwell	5 00	Miss Corwin	1 00
George W. Elly	1 00	Lizzie Corbin	1 00
Mary and Jennie Bradt	2 00	Mary Purcell	5 00
Annie Bobbett	1 00	Mrs. M. H. Voce	1 00
Kate Bobbett	10 00	B. M. Blount	1 00
Mary Morrison	1 00	Eleanor Poland	1 00
Amy Carr	1 00	Henry Fender	1 00
Fanny Donough	1 00	Malvina Needles	1 00
Rachel Donough	1 00	J. J. Palmer (pledge)	20 00
Mrs. Nelson	1 00	B. F. Martindale	1 00
Mrs. Davis	1 00	E. Martindale	1 00
Elizabeth Howell	10 00	Mrs. N. J. Boag	1 00
J. W. Mitchell	5 00	H. Gardinier, per B. Franklin	1 00
J. P. Elliott	1 50	Ben. B. Groom	25 00
Mrs. Ann E. Pool	5 00	Mrs. M. M. Sprague	2 00
H. Martin	3 00	Miss Lucy Sprague	1 00
Sallie Owens	5 00	Addie and L. L. Sprague	1 00
James Owens	5 00	Mrs. A. E. Davis	1 00
Jared Lemar	10 00	Aylett Raines (pledge)	25 00
Mary Scott	1 00	H. Z. Leonard	1 00
Mary Pool	1 00	J. J. Campbell	10 00
Master Charles Knight	1 00	Susan Campbell	1 00
S. E. Pearee	1 00	Dora Blockenstaff	1 00
B. Franklin	2 00	R. M. Bishop	100 00
Sarah Bella McLean	100 00		

AUXILIARIES.

Christian Church,	Fidelity, Ohio, per A. Fenner,	$6 00
" "	Ben Davis Creek, Indiana,	9 50
" "	Bedford, Indiana,	10 00
" "	Washington, Illinois,	25 00
" "	Paris, Kentucky,	13 55
" "	Antioch, Illinois,	17 75
" "	Fulton, Ohio,	10 00
" "	Chalfant, Ohio,	5 00
" "	Cincinnati (Sixth and Mound),	33 40
" "	Twin Grove, Illinois,	31 25
" "	Bloomington, Indiana,	4 00
" "	Bainbridge, "	7 80
" "	Franklin, "	5 00
" "	North St. Louis, (Sor. Eight and Mound),	35 00
" "	Union, Indiana,	9 00
" "	Detroit, Michigan, (Jefferson Avenue),	29 00
" "	Louisville, per M. C. Ramsey,	58 55
" "	Lafayette, Indiana,	8 60
" "	Bloomington, Illinois,	22 00
" "	Bethany, West Virginia,	40 00
" "	Barnesville, Ohio,	8 00
" "	Bethel, Indiana, per B. Franklin	22 15
" "	Rushville, Indiana,	7 10
" "	Milroy, "	14 00

LIFE MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS.

J. B. Bowman, to make Jno. Aug. Williams L. D.	$100 00
J. R. Challen,	10 00
J. W. Smith,	5 00
O. A. Bartholomew,	10 00
C. G. Bartholomew,	10 00
C. A. Baker, a L. D.	5 00
J. Z. Taylor, a L. D.	12 00
Emily S. Goe, 2d, 3d and 4th inst.	15 00
Lorinda Goe, 1st inst.	5 00
Rosetta C. Goe, 2d and 3rd inst.	10 00
John Bryte,	5 00
J. F. Barry, 1st inst.	5 00
Geo. Williams,	5 00
Jacob M. Patton, bal.	10 00
David Clark, bal.	5 00
James Old,	5 00
H. W. Oliver,	5 00
Caroline Drake,	5 00
Mrs. Dr. Shackelford,	10 00
H. H. Hazelrigg, bal.	5 00
E. Barnes, 1st inst.	5 00
Dr. J. Doyle, 1st and 2d inst.	10 00
Mrs. R. Lemert, a L. D.	5 00
Mgt. Boyd, a L. M.	1 00

CAUSE OF MISSIONS IN KANSAS.

A communication from the Kansas Christian Missionary Society addressed to this Society, was received too late to be presented to the Convention; but was submitted to the Executive Board at its session on the 21st of October. The material parts of the letter are as follows:

To the American Christian Missionary Society:

At a State Meeting, lately held at Tecumseh, Kansas, at which the churches of the State were generally represented, the brethren deliberated together as to the expediency of forming a Missionary organization. The result of our deliberations was that we formed such a society, adopting a Constitution and choosing all the necessary officers. At a subsequent meeting of the Executive Board, five missionaries were chosen to labor all the time in this State, viz: J. H. Bauserman, S. G. Brown, J. J. Trott, P. Butler and J. Kenner. They are all able, efficient and worthy men, and they are engaged conditionally. We propose a co-operation with your Society. These brethren are to act for both societies, and report to both monthly. They are to have six hundred dollars salary, each, per annum. Our Society will pay two thirds the amount ($400 to each), and your Society the remaining third—$200 each.

We think this a desirable arrangement. It will secure additional gurantees from this quarter that your money will be properly expended, and enlist a host of brethren who have not, heretofore, been much interested. The missionaries designated will enter into the arrangement with increased willingness, regarding it as much better for your Society, and the cause generally.

Hoping that the main proposition, indicated in this letter, will meet your approval, we remain very truly your brethren and co-laborers in the cause of the Redeemer.

CALVIN REASONER,
Corresponding Secretary.

Dated at Leavenworth, Kansas, Oct. 5, 1864.

By a resolution of the Board of the A. C. M. Society the proposition of the Kansas Society was agreed to for a limited time.

The first three of the brethren named, are now and have been for some time, in the employment of this Board, at more cost to us than the present terms will be for the future. The Board is gratified to observe that the assistance given to our brethern in Kansas by this Society has strengthened the cause in that State, until the scattered churches on the frontier are enabled to co-operate with each other in missionary labor, with an indication of becoming more and more self-sustaining.

A CALL FOR AID FROM WISCONSIN.

Brother D. A. Wagner, editor of "The Waupun Times," under date of 27th October, 1864, writes: "If the A. C. M. Society will half sustain an Evangelist in this State, there is no doubt about the balance of his support. It can be raised on the field. Shall we go to work to obtain some one to come and take the field? I verily believe no more inviting territory presents itself for missionary labor than does Wisconsin.

Yours, in the one hope.

D. A. WAGNER."

In response to this call, and especially as the Board has for some time been aware of the pressing demand for assistance in Wisconsin, it was resolved to be at half the expense of a Missionary in Wisconsin for one year, at a salary not exceeding that of the Kansas Missionaries, on condition that an Evangelist, approved by this Board, can be obtained.

[The following communication came too late to present to the Convention, but will come before the Board.]

The New York S. C. M. S. to the A. C. M. Society send greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN: Grace, mercy and peace, from God our heavenly Father, and Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour. We feel a deep interest in the missionary enterprise, which is *our* common and mutual cause. The State Missionary Society is struggling for existence, and doing *what it can* to build up the cause of the Savior in this, the Empire State. The churches are few in number, and most

of them weak, but growing in both numbers and strength. We are *pained* to see that most of our cities, and many beautiful and flourishing villages, are without a church after the *Apostolic order* in them, and address you this circular, asking and earnestly entreating, that you will, when in Convention, encourage your Board to *investigate the claims* of the cause in this State, and, if in *their power*, lend a helping hand. We believe *no* field will yield a *richer* and more *abundant* harvest for the amount of labor and means expended. Hoping to be heard favorably and *answered graciously*, we are your brethren in labor to save perishing humanity.

W. A. Belding,
Cor. Sec'y of N. Y. State C. M. Society.

MARYLAND CO-OPERATION.

The Christian Churches in Maryland, mainly we believe in the mountain region and near the battle fields of South Mountain and Antietam, have an association for missionary labor in the State. A brief statement is furnished by Brother Enos Adamson, who resided and labored in this district for several years.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Maryland Christian Co-operation was held in Baltimore, commencing May 20th, 1864.

The following is a brief summary of the operations for the preceding years:

No. of Evangelists employed, part of the time	4
No. of days service	184
No. of baptisms	58
No. of other accessions	5
Whole No. of additions	63
No. of churches assisted	6
No. of other points visited	7
Amount of funds expended	$209 73

E. Adamson, *Cor. Sec.*